

## **FAQs Regarding: Regional Emergency Declaration - Baby Formula - 05-23-2022**

1. **Question:** Does the Emergency Declaration cover all 50 states and the District of Columbia?

**Answer:** Yes.

2. **Question:** Why is this Emergency Declaration being issued now?

**Answer:** The Department of Transportation wants to ensure the transportation mechanisms are in place to allow for the shipment of baby formula and its ingredients to manufacturers, distributors, and stores.

3. **Question:** Was there authority already in place for FMCSA to grant emergency relief from hours of service?

**Answer:** Yes. Baby formula was included in the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration that allowed for Hours of Service waivers for drivers transporting the finished product of baby formula. Today's emergency declaration clarifies that for both baby formula and the other ingredients for production, such as corn syrup, casein, hydrolyzed protein, or whey, hours of service requirements are temporarily waived for motor carriers transporting such items.